

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims are 3, 6-9 and 13-19. Claims 13 and 17-19 have been amended to better define the invention, and claims 14 and 15, which previously depended on claim 1, have been amended to depend on claim 13. Reconsideration is expressly requested.

Claims 3, 6-9 and 13-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite as not including the features that the pores in the copolymer have average pore diameters in the range of 100 Å to 500 Å, and a specific pore size distribution, whereby up to 0.3 cm³ micropores, up to 1.2 cm³ mesopores, and up to 0.5 cm³ macropores are contained in one gram of the material. In response, Applicants have amended claims 13 and 17-19 to recite these features, which it is respectfully submitted overcomes the Examiner's rejection on the basis of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claims 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Abe et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,202,775 for the reasons set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. The Examiner has also indicated, however, that claims 6-9 and 13-19

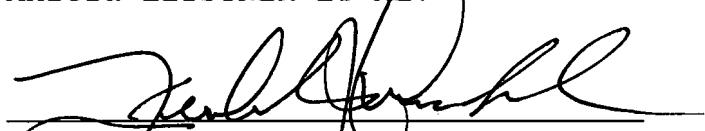
would be allowed if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office action, because the references of record do not teach or fairly suggest an adsorbent material of the type having the recited specific surface, pore volume, pore size distribution, and particle size.

In response, without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejection and in order to expedite prosecution of this case, Applicants have amended claims 13 and 17-19 so that these claims all recite the specific surface, pore volume, pore size distribution, and particle size. The remaining claims 3, 6-9 and 14-16 depend directly or indirectly on claim 13 as amended. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

In summary, claims 13-15 and 17-19 have been amended. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this case be passed to issue.

Applicant also submits herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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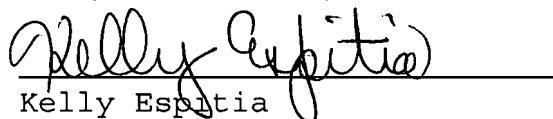
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TITLE: ABSORBING MATERIAL FOR BLOOD AND PLASMA CLEANING
METHOD AND FOR ALBUMIN PURIFICATION

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 23, 2005, Applicants are submitting herewith the International Search Report of PCT/DE03/04297 in English, and an English translation of the pertinent portions of *DE 199 22 268*. A copy of *DE 199 22 268* is also enclosed.

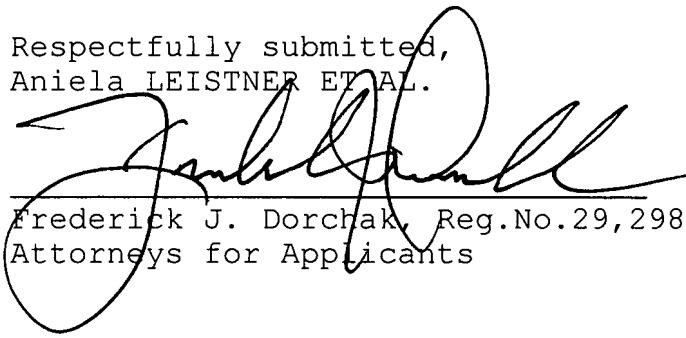
This reference was cited in the International Search Report and has been already made of record by the Examiner; however, as an English translation of the enclosed portions has now become available, Applicants are submitting them herewith, along with the English translation of the International Search Report which was previously submitted in German with Applicants' June 23, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement.

Because this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed prior to a first Office Action in the

continued examination of the above-identified patent application, it is believed that no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-2468 for any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this IDS.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

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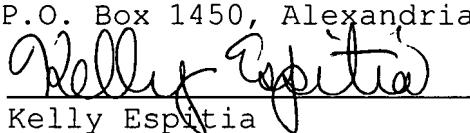
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Enclosures: PTO-Form 1449 with one (1) reference, International Search Report in English, and English translation of the pertinent portions of DE 199 22 268

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